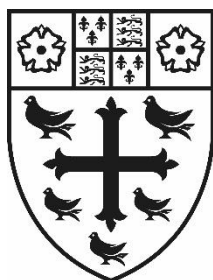


# Westminster Abbey



## Evensong

celebrating the Feast of the Dedication of Westminster Abbey  
in the presence of  
The Lord Mayor of Westminster  
and the Mayors of the London Boroughs



The London Mayors' Association

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024  
3.00 pm

# THE LONDON MAYORS' ASSOCIATION

## HISTORICAL NOTE

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 1900 the then Mayor of the City of Westminster, His Grace The Duke of Norfolk KG, called together a meeting of all the mayors of the metropolitan boroughs (the inner London boroughs), the object being to discuss matters of ceremonial procedure with a view to uniformity being adopted by all the mayors of the metropolitan boroughs. Subsequently, in early 1901, the Metropolitan Mayors and ex-Mayors Association was formed by the Mayor of Westminster with the purpose of promoting discussion of general matters affecting the metropolis, and to enable mayors and former mayors to meet on a social basis.

In 1965, with the reorganisation of local government in London, the Mayors and former Mayors of all thirty-one boroughs were entitled to join, as were the Lord Mayors, and former Lord Mayors of the City of London and of the City of Westminster. Under the revised constitution of the Association, the Lord Mayor of Westminster is now automatically the President. A former Mayor, or Lord Mayor, is however, elected as Chairman of the Association.

The Association comprises over 700 members and is non-party political. It arranges a variety of events throughout the year, including this annual service in Westminster Abbey, a walk following in the footsteps of Dick Whittington, a former Lord Mayor of London, from Highgate Hill to the Mansion House, two foreign civic visits, and an Annual Dinner.

*More details about the London Mayors' Association can be found at*

**[www.londonmayors.org.uk](http://www.londonmayors.org.uk)**

President: The Lord Mayor of Westminster

Chairman: Mr Steve Summers

## THE DEDICATION OF WESTMINSTER ABBEY

St Edward the Confessor, King of England from 1042 to 1066, re-endowed the Benedictine monastery of Westminster and built a large Romanesque church for the monastic community. That building was dedicated on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1065. St Edward died shortly after the dedication. He was canonised in 1161 and on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1163 his body was moved, or 'translated', to a new tomb in the church which he had built.

St Edward's Romanesque church survived until the 13<sup>th</sup> century, when it was replaced by a new church in the Gothic style built by Henry III: the building in which we now worship. A new shrine was constructed for the body of St Edward, and the translation of his relics to this shrine was an integral part of the liturgy of the dedication of this new church, over 750 years ago, on 13<sup>th</sup> October 1269. The October date was chosen for the dedication because it was already established as the Feast of the Translation of St Edward. St Edward's relics remain in that same shrine, which is behind the High Altar.

At the Abbey we keep the feast of the Translation of St Edward on 13<sup>th</sup> October, a celebration which focuses on the life of the saint. We keep the Feast of the Dedication of Westminster Abbey, focusing on the building as a sacred space, on the following Sunday.

## EVENSONG

Evensong is an Anglican office, conflating the traditional monastic evening offices of Vespers and Compline, and set out in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549. The two canticles, Magnificat (The Song of Mary, Luke 1: 46–55) and Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon, Luke 2: 29–32), form the invariable heart of Evensong, and have, together with the Versicles and Responses, been the subject of a wide range of musical settings. This evening office is said or sung every day in the Abbey as part of the daily pattern of prayer and worship.

*The service is led by The Reverend Helena Bickley-Percival, Minor Canon and Chaplain.*

*The service is sung by the Choir of Westminster Abbey, conducted by Andrew Nethsingha, Organist and Master of the Choristers.*

*The organ is played by Matthew Jorysz, Sub-Organist.*

*Music before the service, played by Alexander Hamilton, Deputy Organist:*

Postlude in G	Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)
Adagio (Three Pieces for Organ H63)	Frank Bridge (1879–1941)
Andante espressivo (Organ Sonata in G Op 28)	Edward Elgar (1857–1934)
Darwall's 148 <sup>th</sup> (Six Hymn-Preludes)	Percy Whitlock (1903–46)
Intrada	Grayston Ives (b 1948)

*The Chairman of the London Mayors' Association is received at the Great West Door by the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and is conducted to his place in Quire. All remain seated.*

*His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London is received at the Great West Door and is conducted to his place in Quire. All stand, and then sit.*

*The procession of the Mayors of the London Boroughs, together with The Lord Mayor of Westminster in Civic State, enters the Abbey Church. All stand as the procession moves to places in Quire, and then sit.*

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*All remain seated. From the nave the choir sings*

### THE INTROIT

**L**OCUS iste a Deo factus est, inaestimabile sacramentum: irreprehensibilis est.

*This place was made by God: a priceless and unblemished sign of his presence.*

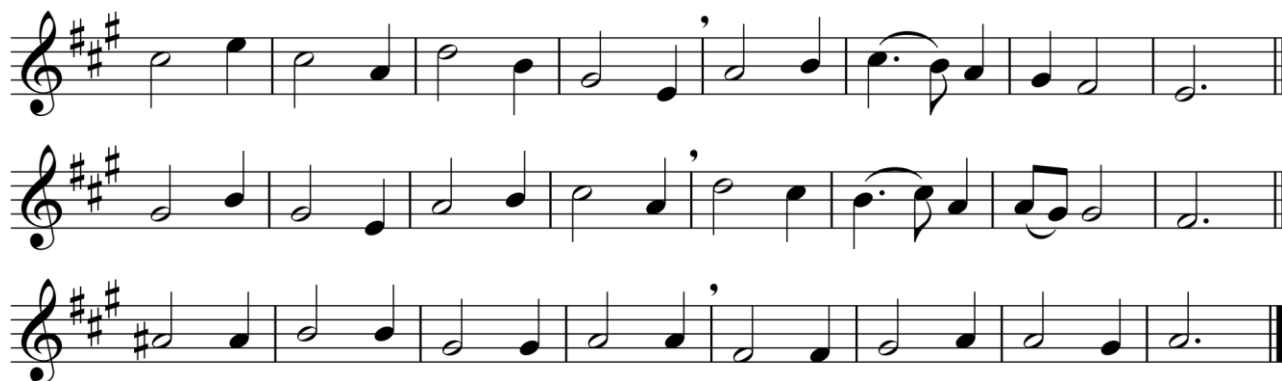
*Anton Bruckner (1824–96)*

*Gradual, Mass for the dedication of a church*

All stand to sing

## THE HYMN

during which the choir and clergy move to places  
in Quire and the Sacrarium



CHRIST is made the sure foundation,  
and the precious corner-stone,  
who, the two walls underlying,  
bound in each, binds both in one,  
holy Sion's help for ever,  
and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved by God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody,  
God the One, in threefold glory,  
singing everlastingly.

To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts, today;  
with thy wonted loving-kindness,  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls for ay.

Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they supplicate to gain;  
here to have and hold for ever,  
those good things their prayers obtain,  
and hereafter, in thy glory,  
with thy blessèd ones to reign.

Laud and honour to the Father;  
laud and honour to the Son,  
laud and honour to the Spirit,  
ever Three, and ever One,  
consubstantial, co-eternal,  
while unending ages run.  
Amen.

Westminster Abbey 205 NEH  
from the anthem O God, thou art my God  
Henry Purcell (1659–95)  
Organist of Westminster Abbey 1679–95

Angularis fundamentum c 7<sup>th</sup>–8<sup>th</sup> century  
translated by John Mason Neale (1818–66)

*All remain standing for*

THE WELCOME

*by*

The Very Reverend Dr David Hoyle KCVO MBE

*Dean of Westminster*

*All remain standing. The officiant and the choir sing*

THE RESPONSES

**O** LORD, open thou our lips  
and our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.

*William Smith (1603–45)*

*All sit. The choir sings*

PSALM 150

**O** PRAISE God in his holiness;  
praise him in the firmament of his power!  
Praise him in his noble acts;  
praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him in the sound of the trumpet;  
praise him upon the lute and harp!  
Praise him in the cymbals and dances;  
praise him upon the strings and pipe!  
Praise him upon the well-tuned cymbals;  
praise him upon the loud cymbals!  
Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord!

*All stand*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Robert Goodenough (c 1776–1826)*

*All sit. His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London, Sir Kenneth Olisa OBE, reads*

## THE FIRST LESSON

Jeremiah 7: 1–11

*All stand. The choir sings*

## MAGNIFICAT

*during which the High Altar is censed*

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord,  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,  
for he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed;  
for he that is mighty hath magnified me,  
and holy is his name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat,  
and hath exalted the humble and meek;

he hath filled the hungry with good things,  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy  
hath holpen his servant Israel,  
as he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Charles Villiers Stanford Evening Service in B flat*

*Luke 1: 46–55*

*All sit. The Right Worshipful The Lord Mayor of Westminster and Deputy High Steward,  
Councillor Robert Rigby, reads*

## THE SECOND LESSON

Luke 19: 29–end

*All stand. The choir sings*

## NUNC DIMITTIS

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according to thy word;  
for mine eyes have seen thy salvation,  
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,  
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Charles Villiers Stanford Evening Service in B flat*

*Luke 2: 29–32*

*All face east and say together*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I** BELIEVE in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.



*All remain standing. The officiant and choir sing*

### THE LESSER LITANY

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

*All kneel or sit*

**L**ORD, have mercy upon us.  
**L** Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. Amen.

### THE RESPONSES

**O**LORD, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save The King.  
And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.  
And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*The officiant sings*

## THE COLLECTS

*of the Day, for Peace, and for Aid against all perils*

**A**LMIGHTY God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer; we praise thee for the many blessings thou hast given to those who worship thee here: and we pray that all who seek thee in this place may find thee, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable unto thee; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord. Amen.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*William Smith*

*All sit. The choir sings*

## THE ANTHEM

**G**REAT is the Lord and greatly to be praised  
in the city of our God,  
in the mountain of his holiness. Beautiful in elevation,  
the joy of the whole earth,  
is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,  
the city of the great King.  
God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.

For lo, the kings assembled themselves,  
they passed by together.  
They saw, then were they amazed;  
they were dismayed, they hasted away.

Trembling took hold of them there,  
pain, as of a woman in travail,  
as with the east wind that breaketh  
the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts,  
in the city of our God;  
God will establish it for ever.

We have thought on thy loving-kindness, O God,  
in the midst of thy temple.  
As is thy name, O God, so is thy praise  
unto the ends of the earth.  
Thy right hand is full of righteousness.  
Let mount Zion be glad,  
let the daughters of Judah rejoice  
because of thy judgements.

Walk about Zion and go round about her,  
tell the towers thereof.  
Mark ye well her bulwarks,  
consider her palaces,  
that ye may tell it to the generation following.  
For this God  
is our God for ever and ever.  
he will be our guide even unto death. Amen.

*Edward Elgar*

*Psalm 48*

*All kneel or remain seated for*

## THE INTERCESSIONS

*The officiant says*

### THE PRAYERS

*for the Royal Family, and for the members of the Order of the Bath*

**A**LMIGHTY God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless our most gracious Sovereign Lord King Charles, Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, The Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family: endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God save our Gracious Sovereign, and all the Members of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath living and departed. **Amen.**

*All say*

**T**HE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
**Amen.**

THE HYMN



**A**LL my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,  
beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Michael 333 NEH*  
*Herbert Howells (1892–1983)*

*Meine Hoffnung stehet feste*  
*Joachim Neander (1650–80)*  
*translated by Robert Bridges (1844–1930)*

## THE SERMON

*by*

The Right Reverend Dr Emma Ineson  
*Bishop of Kensington, Diocese of London*

All stand to sing

## THE HYMN

*during which a collection is taken; the money from today's services  
will be divided equally between the work of the Abbey and The Lord Mayor's Charities:  
The Cardinal Hume Centre and The MCC Foundation*



**O** PRAISE ye the Lord!  
praise him in the height;  
rejoice in his word,  
ye angels of light;  
ye heavens adore him  
by whom ye were made,  
and worship before him,  
in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord!  
praise him upon earth,  
in tuneful accord,  
ye sons of new birth;  
praise him who has brought you  
his grace from above,  
praise him who has taught you  
to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord!  
all things that give sound;  
each jubilant chord,  
re-echo around;  
loud organs, his glory  
forth tell in deep tone,  
and, sweet harp, the story  
of what he has done.

O praise ye the Lord!  
thanksgiving and song  
to him be outpoured  
all ages along:  
for love in creation,  
for heaven restored,  
for grace of salvation,  
O praise ye the Lord!  
Amen, amen.

*Laudate Dominum 427 NEH*  
*from the anthem Hear my words, ye people*  
*Hubert Parry (1848–1918)*

*Henry Williams Baker (1821–77)*  
*after Psalm 150*

*All remain standing. The Dean pronounces*

### THE BLESSING

*All remain standing as the clergy and choir depart the Abbey*

*Music after the service*

*Allegro maestoso (Organ Sonata in G Op 28)*

*Edward Elgar*

*The bells of the Abbey are rung*

**Members of the congregation are requested kindly to remain  
in their places until invited to move by the Honorary Stewards**

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**westminster-abbey.org**

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